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## Budget Outlook for 2004-2005

TCEQ appropriations for the next two fiscal years are in place.

In the regular legislative session, the amount of general revenue appropriated to the TCEQ was \$54.5 million for the next biennium, a drop of \$9.5 million.

General revenue, which is used generally to support the agency's water-related activities, represents less than 10 percent of the TCEQ budget. The bulk of income is derived from fees.

The TCEQ's overall appropriations were approved at \$339.8 million for fiscal 2004 and \$334.8 million in fiscal 2005. Both annual totals include a small portion of funding for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. A significant portion of TERP funding was included in a separate part of the general appropriations bill. TERP funding is expected to total \$108 million in fiscal 2004 and \$137 million in fiscal 2005.

Compared to the last biennium, significant revisions to agency programs included:

- Petroleum Storage Tank: \$63.7 million less in appropriations, for a new program total of \$122.7 million.
- Low-income Repair Assistance (emissions testing on vehicles): \$16.4 million less, for a new program total of \$21.4 million.
- Superfund: \$7 million less, for a new program total of \$61.6 million.
- Waste Management Account (Fund 549): \$3 million less, for a new account total of \$89 million.



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